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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1668
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1660

SUBJ: JDLI AND CLOSURE OF 67TH STREET

REF: USUN 1559

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY MRC/MA DATE 3.13.87
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
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ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
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1. MAYOR'S OFFICE INFORMED USUN AFTERNOON MAY 5 BARRIERS
CLOSING 67TH STREET TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WOULD BE TAKEN
DOWN MAY 5. MAYOR'S OFFICE ADDED THAT PROTECTION OF
SMUN VEHICLES BY POLICE CARS WOULD CONTINUE, TOTAL
COMPLEMENT OF POLICE GUARDS WOULD NOT BE REDUCED, AND
SIX DETECTIVES WOULD BE ADDED. REASON CITED BY
MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR DECISION TO REMOVE BARRIERS WAS
STRONG ARGUMENT BY POLICE THAT BARRIERS WERE SIMPLY NOT
NECESSARY UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

2. MISOFF CONTACTED CHIEF INSPECTOR Codd OF NYPD WHO
INSISTED BARRIERS NOT NEEDED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES
BUT WOULD BE USED IF POLICE LEARNED OF SPECIFIC THREAT.
MEANWHILE, TWO OFFICERS WOULD BE STATIONED AT EACH END
OF 67TH STREET TO SCREEN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC. Codd FLET
LOCAL RESIDENTS MIGHT GO TO COURT IF BARRIERS STAYED UP.
IN HIS VIEW CITY COULD NOT WIN SUCH CASE UNLESS SPECIFIC
THREAT TO SMUN COULD BE PROVED.

3. AMBASSADOR BUSH CALLED MAYOR LINDSAY MAY 5 TO URGE

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RECONSIDERATION, CITING GENERAL DANGER OF INCREASING RISK TO SMUN PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL IN SENTITIVE PRE-SUMMIT PERIOD. ALTHOUGH BUSH MADE CLEAR WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND DECISION TO REMOVE BARRIERS AT THIS TIME, LINDSAY WOULD NOT BUDGE AND INDEED SUGGESTED THAT IF MATTER WAS SO IMPORTANT PERHAPS WASHINGTON SHOULD SEND EPS TO PROTECT SOVIET IN NEW YORK.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT CONCUR IN NYPD ACTION, WE FRANKLY DO NOT SEE WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE AT PRESENT.

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BUSH

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